

The humble Answer
OF THE
Lords and Commons

Assembled in Parliament,

To the Message of the 25 of *August*
received from His MAJESTY by the
Earles of *Southampton* and *Dorset*, and Sir *Iohn*
Culpepper, Knight, Chancellor of the *Exchequer*.

Returned by the aforesaid Sir *Iohn Culpepper*,
by order of both Houses, to be presented to
His MAJESTY.

With a perfect Coppy of His
MAJESTIES Message.

Die Lunæ *Aug. 29* 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in
Parliament, that this Answer with His Majesties
Message be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown Cler, Parliamentorum.

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May it please Your Majesty,



He Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled having received Your Majesties Message of the 25 of *August*, doe with much griefe recent the dangerous and distracted state of this Kingdome, which we have by all meanes endeavoured to prevent both by our severall advices and Petitions to Your Majesty, which have been not onely without successe, but there hath followed that, which no ill counsell in former times hath produced, or any age hath seen, namely those severall Proclamations and Declarations against both the Houses of Parliament, whereby their actions are declared treasonable, and their persons traitors; and thereupon Your Majesty hath set up Your Standard against them, whereby You have put the two Houses of Parlia-

ment, and in them this whole Kingdome
out of Your Protection; so that untill Your
Majesty shall recall the said Proclamations
and Declarations, whereby the Earle of
Essex and both Houses of Parliament, and
their adherents and assistants, and such as
have obeyed and executed their commands
and directions according to their duties, are
declared Traytors, or otherwise delin-
quents; and untill the Standard set up in
pursuance of the said Proclamations be ta-
ken downe, Your Majesty hath put us into
such a condition, that whilst we so remaine
we cannot by the fundamentall priviledge
of Parliament, the publique trust reposed
in us, or with the generall good and safety
of this Kingdom, give Your Majesty any o-
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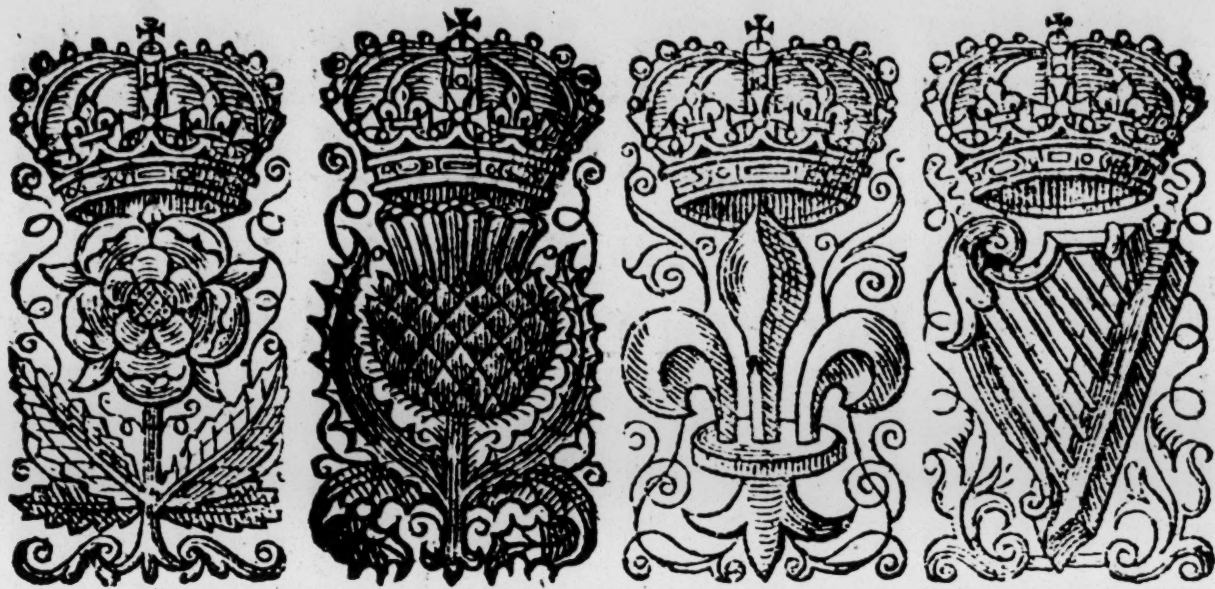
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Gracious Message

To both Houses of Parliament,
Sent from Nottingham,

By the Earles of Southhampton and
Dorset, and Sir John Culpepper Knight,
Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir
William Uvedail, Knight.



WE have With unspeakable
grief of heart long beheld the
distractions of this our King-
dome; Our very soule is full
of anguish untill Wee may
finde some remedy to prevent the Miseries
which

which are ready to overwhelme this
whole Nation by a civill Warre : And
though all Our endeavours tending to
the composing of those unhappy differen-
ces betwixt Us and Our two Houses of
Parliament (though pursued by us with
all Zeale and Sincerity) have bene h-
therto without that Successe we hoped
for : Yet such is Our constant and earnest
care to preserve the publike Peace, that
we shall not be discouraged from using
any Expedient, which by the blessing of
the God of Mercy may lay a firme found-
ation of Peace and happinesse to all Our
Subjects : To this end observing that
many Mistakes have arisen by the Mes-
sages, Petitions and Answers betwixt
Us and Our two Houses of Parliament,
which happily may be prevented by some
other way of Treatie, wherein the mat-
ters in difference may be more cleerely un-
derstood, and more freely transacted ; we
have thought fit to propound to you,
That some fit persons may bee by you
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and with such freedome of Debate, as
may best tend to that happy Conclusion
which all good men desire, The Peace of
the kingdome : Wherein as We promise
in the Word of a King all safety and en-
couragement to such as shall bee sent to
Us, if you shall chuse the place where
We are for the Treaty, (which We
wholly leave to you,) presuming of the
like care of the safety of those We shall
employ, if you shall name another place ;
So We assure you and all Our good
Subjects, that (to the best of Our under-
standing) nothing shall be therein want-
ing on Our part, which may Advance
the true Protestant Religion, Oppose
Popery and Superstition, Secure the
the Lawes of the Land (upon which is
built as well Our just Prerogative, as the
Propriety and Liberty of the Subject)
Confirm all just Power and Priviledges
of Parliament, And render Us and Our
People truly happy by a good Under-
standing betwixt Us & Our two Houses
of Parliament. Being with you as firme
Resolutions to do your duty, and let all
Our

Our good People joine with Us in Our
prayers to Almighty God for his blessing
upon this Work.

If this Proposition shall be rejected by
you, We have done Our dutie so amplie,
that God will absolve Us from the Guilt
of any of that blood which must be spilt,
and what opinion soever other Men may
have of Our power, We assure you no-
thing but Our Christian and Pious care
to prevent the Effusion of blood hath be-
got this Motion, Our provision of Men,
Armes and Money being such as may
secure Us from further violence, till it
please God to open the Eyes of Our
people.

Nottingham the 25 of August, 1642.

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